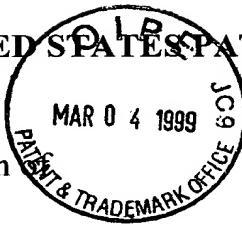


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DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID)
CLEAVAGE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the divisional application identified in caption, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel all of original Claims 1 through 14, and substitute the following claims therefor:

Amend.
--15. A method for continuously detecting a specific nucleic acid sequence by a fluorimetric assay comprising the following steps: